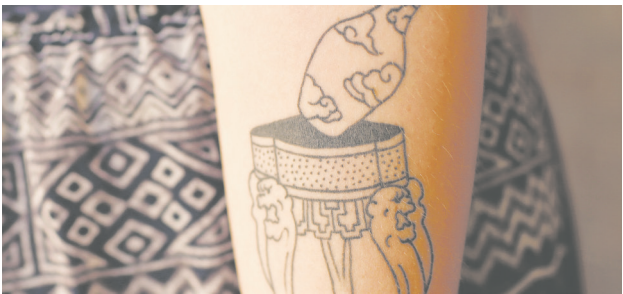




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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## SG halts legislation on BYU inclusion

By Paul Cobler  
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Student Government has hit the brakes on legislation calling for UT to vote against the inclusion of Brigham Young University in the Big 12 Conference.

The resolution, which was first considered by SG president Kevin Helgren last month, would have spoken against BYU's addition to the conference because of a passage in its honor code, one Helgren said he considers

anti-LGBT.

On Oct. 17, the Big 12 voted not to expand for the time being, keeping the conference at 10 universities and leading Helgren to halt his planned resolution.

"I am still, as the student body president and as a member of the LGBT community, interested in having conversations with people at BYU just because I firmly believe in the importance of creating LGBT-friendly environments on college [campuses]," Helgren said. "Again, though,

the question becomes where does my jurisdiction end and ... BYU's student body president's jurisdiction begin. So for all intents and purposes I am not planning on going through with the resolution because the crux of the resolution was pertaining to the Big 12."

According to the BYU website, the honor code states, "Homosexual behavior is inappropriate and violates the Honor

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Jenan Taha | Daily Texan Staff

SG president Kevin Helgren halted a resolution against the inclusion of Brigham Young University in the Big 12 Conference after the conference voted against expansion last week.

CAMPUS

## UT debates softwares for assault reporting

By Katie Keenan  
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The University is at a turning point in regards to sexual assault reporting, with discussions underway surrounding a new software called Callisto that would work alongside existing forms of reporting sexual misconduct on campus, according to University officials.

Callisto's aim is to be more than a method of online sexual assault reporting. According to Callisto partnership manager Ashley Schwedt, the program includes a website dedicated to survivor resources that anyone seeking help may need, regardless of whether they decide to report. A characteristic of Callisto that supports this ideology is the delayed reporting option, which allows survivors to document what took place without reporting it immediately to the University.

This feature is in contrast to the current system's approach, which immediately sends a report to University officials.

"When the request is made, our expectation is that any institution would be able to provide the services needed," said Elliot Golden, product manager for software company Symplcity. "If we want a record of that in the University systems, they can track that it has been delivered ... we believe that's best procedure and that's how we set the system up."

Advocate, a campus incident-reporting

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## GOP voter weighs experience, party ties

By Cassi Pollock  
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*Editor's note: This is the second profile of a series The Daily Texan is publishing during the 2016 election season, featuring a wide variety of student political perspectives. Beginning with the first day of early voting, Oct. 24, the series will run up until Election Day, Nov. 8.*

When Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton officially became the presidential nominees, Zach Long asked himself, "Oh crap, what happens now?"

Long, a communications studies junior from Kingwood, Texas, had wholeheartedly campaigned for former Gov. Jeb Bush (R-FL) during the primary season.

However, when Bush suspended his run for the White House in February, Long was left with a "bad taste of politics" and a decision to make: Who would he, a self-defined moderate Republican, support for president?

Ultimately, Long decided to switch allegiances at the presidential level and back Clinton, a sentiment that intensified during the Democratic National Convention in July.

"Clinton's speech made me cry multiple times," Long said, referring to the Democratic



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Zach Long, a communication studies junior and self-defined Republican, decided to switch allegiances and support Hillary Clinton once Clinton and Donald Trump became the official presidential nominees.

nominee's acceptance speech in Philadelphia. "I wasn't aware that I had that kind of passion for it. That passion may be that I just don't like Trump that much."

Long, who plans to vote for Republicans down the ballot, said experience was essential in a president, citing Clinton's past in the Senate and foreign

policy background as Secretary of State.

"I've always been in the mindset that you need some sort of experience in an executive position," Long said. "That's why I was attracted to Clinton. Experience-wise, who do I want representing our country?"

Long said Clinton, unlike

Trump, had an additional record of putting others first, and specifically pointed to Trump avoiding federal income tax as an example.

"I firmly believe there are a few basic duties as Americans," Long said. "One is jury duty, two is voting and three is paying your taxes. I don't care that Trump got out of it

with a loophole. He didn't pay his damn taxes, and it pisses me off."

Long said he is confident Clinton will win on Nov. 8, setting up what would be a historic election.

"What I'm really excited about is that it will be the first woman president," Long said. "I think it's incredible."

CAMPUS

## Students solve business problem in case contest

By Hannah Daniel  
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Eighty business students will compete against each other in devising a proposal on if and how a global security and aerospace company should expand its business to include new services.

Undergraduate Business Council presented this scenario Monday at the kickoff of the McCombs Fall Case Competition, an event that takes place each semester to give students

opportunities to apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios. Students will compete in preliminary rounds on Saturday morning, with the final competition that afternoon.

At the McCombs Fall Case Competition, a company presents a problem being faced in its industry and teams of students compete to devise implementable solutions to the problem.

Kenny Young, finance

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CAMPUS

## Rec Center showcases adapted sports

By Quanit Ali  
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Students with disabilities brought out their competitive side Tuesday night at the Recreation Sports Center to learn how to play adapted sports ranging from visually impaired baseball to wheelchair racing.

"No matter what your physical ability, there's a way for you to stay active and get involved in sports," said Emily Shryock, assistant director of Services for Students with Disabilities.

Shryock said there is a growing interest in adapted sports, both for disabled and non-disabled students, and the key to raising exposure is by providing as many opportunities as possible for students to get involved.

The Austin community provides a wide variety of sports, but Shryock said she hopes that UT as a school will soon be able to provide more inclusion by continuing to host events such as adapted sports night, while also



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STRAP worker Brooke Matula explains the rules of boccia ball to adaptive sports night attendees.

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junior and UBC careers director, said the competition is geared toward emulating situations students would face as professionals.

“The purpose of these competitions is to put students in a very nuanced and ambiguous setting and challenge them to apply many things they learn in class to a real-world setting,” Young said. “There’s not always a clear solution to these problems, so it requires a lot of critical thinking and diligence.”

Three teams of four students will receive cash prizes ranging from \$400 to \$1,600. In

addition to the cash prize, the winning team will be eligible to compete at the University of Southern California’s national case competition.

Jennifer Quillin, UBC fall case chair, said students also gain valuable experience and networking opportunities from participating in these events.

“You cultivate incredible relationships, not only with the companies,” said Quillin, a business and government junior. “It also gives students a different arena to interact with faculty and alumni in. To be able to say that you’ve participated in a case competi-

“The purpose of these competitions is to put students in a very nuanced and ambiguous setting and challenge them to apply many things they learn in class to a real-world setting.”

—Kenny Young,  
Finance junior and UBC careers director

situation, really shows that you can conduct yourself in front of professionals and put time and effort into solving a problem.”

During preliminary rounds, students will present their solutions to panels of judges composed of sponsor company representatives, McCombs faculty and alumni.

Accounting sophomore Alex Dimitroff, who is

participating in his first case competition this week, said he is looking forward to the financial analysis aspect of the prompt.

“I’m a little nervous,” Dimitroff said. “I think some of the other people in the [competition] know a little more about the subject than I do, but I’m hoping this will be a good learning experience.”

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Code. Homosexual behavior includes not only sexual relations between members of the same sex, but all forms of physical intimacy that give expression to homosexual feelings.”

Helgren said he has been in contact with the Understanding Same Gender Attraction group at BYU, which states on its website that it wishes to provide “a place for open, respectful discussions on the topic of same-gender attraction and LGBTQ issues.”

In an email sent to Helgren obtained by The Daily Texan, USGA’s president, Addison Jenkins, supported Helgren’s possible resolution but asked for him to make the resolution as specific as possible in order to create a conversation to better the lives of LGBT students at BYU.

“I believe that calls for BYU or the [Latter Day Saints] Church to abandon its views on marriage will be met only with Constitutionally protected resistance,” Jenkins said in the email. “But specific and meaningful resolutions — one’s [sic] that point out the clear difference in standards for cisgender/heterosexual and LGBTQ students, or note the complete dearth of resources for queer people on campus — can help further the dialogue about how we can best serve queer students and athletes at BYU.”

USGA did not respond to separate requests for comment.

The Big 12 may still consider expansion in future meetings, something Helgren said would cause him to then continue working to pass his lulling resolution.

James Che, co-director of the Queer and Trans Student Alliance at UT, said he believes SG’s time would be better spent writing legislation to benefit people who are marginalized to a greater extent and identify as LGBT.

“I personally think that there are larger issues to address in the LGBT community,” said Che, a humanities junior. “To be frank, I think this conversation on the Big 12 kind of diverts from larger issues that SG needs to address. I think when it comes down to it, human rights violations come before who gets to play football against who.”

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HEALTH

# Students, CMHC discuss Instagram flagging feature

**By Sunny Kim**  
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Chaitraja Kurati has dealt with anxiety since her junior year of high school. She often used the website Tumblr as a coping mechanism to know she was not alone in her feelings.

“I would use Tumblr ... when I was feeling anxious or [depressed],” said Kurati, a biochemistry sophomore. “When you’re feeling that, you look for affirmation in certain ways. It helps to know that you’re not alone.”

Tumblr is one of many social media sites students may turn to when dealing with anxiety and other mental health issues. This past week, Instagram decided to step up and spread awareness of posts that reflect self-harm by adding a new feature on its app that allows users to anonymously flag their friend’s posts if they think the posts show concerning signs of mental health issues, according to

TechCrunch, a publisher in technology news.

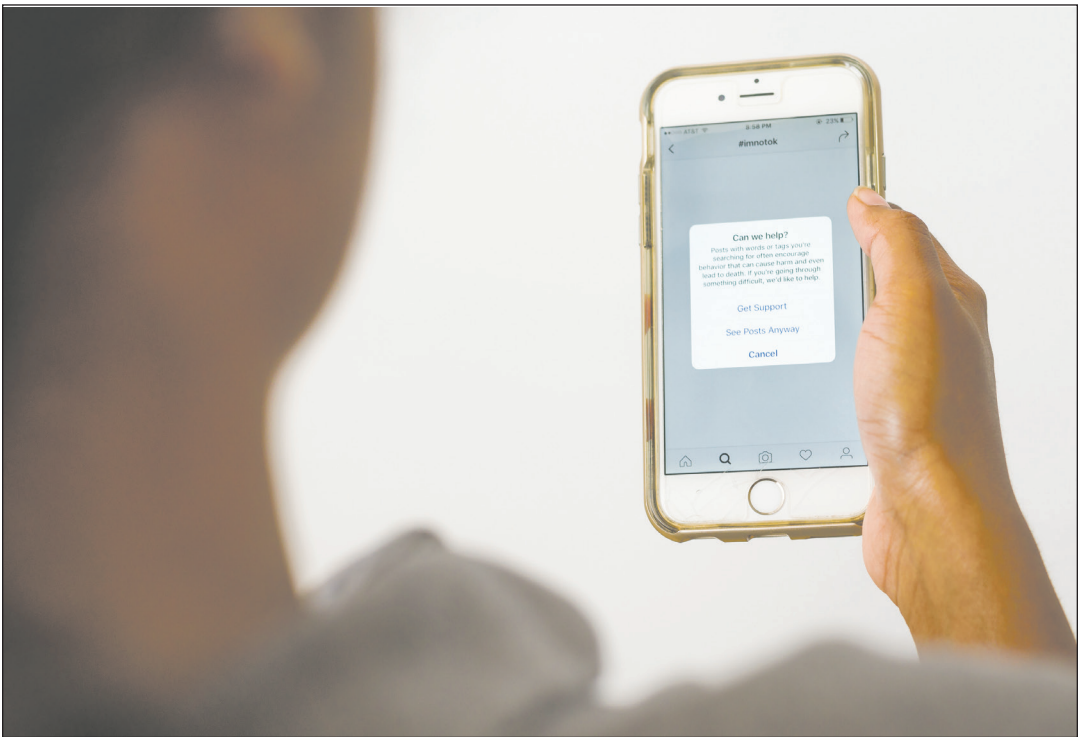
When users flag posts, the friend will receive suggestions such as messaging or calling a close friend, according to TechCrunch. Based on the user’s location, they will also receive access to a nearby help-line.

Kurati said she is happy to see other social media networks, such as Instagram, take initiative on mental health awareness.

“For the company to make you feel not so alone, talking to you as a person rather than to the masses, it was kind of eye-opening and it made you feel really good,” Kurati said.

Psychology sophomore Brianna Dennis-McCrory, a peer educator for the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center, said this new feature can be helpful or harmful, depending on how well-trained Instagram’s response team is.

“It’s always great to see popular sites bring-



Instagram recently added a new feature that allows users to flag friend’s posts that show concerning signs of mental health issues. When flagged, the user will receive suggestions for help.

**Gabriel Lopez**  
Daily Texan Staff

ing awareness to mental health,” Dennis-McCrory said. “[But] unless they have a team trained for responding, trigger words could upset the person and cause an undesired response.”

Marla Craig, associate director for clinical services at the CMHC, said she is looking forward to the new feature as it can help connect the idea of mental health awareness to

the public.

“I think that any way or any opportunity we get to provide people with information about mental health resources is a great opportunity,” Craig said. “Since

there are a lot of Facebook users, a lot of Instagram users, if that’s the way we can connect to people, identify if they are feeling sad or down and connect them to resources, that’s fantastic.”

LECTURE

Stephanie Dickey, an art historian, gave a talk Monday at the Art Building highlighting the artwork of painter Rembrandt and his ability to succeed during the Dutch golden age.



Photo courtesy Stephanie Dickey

## Art historian details success, style of Rembrandt’s paintings

**By Burhanuddin Calcuttawala**  
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The prolific Dutch painter and printmaker Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn excelled despite competition from his contemporaries, setting an example for students looking to succeed among their peers.

Stephanie Dickey, Rembrandt expert and art historian, gave a talk Monday at the Art Building highlighting Rembrandt’s artwork and his ability to succeed during the Dutch golden age.

While talking about one of Rembrandt’s portraits, Dickey said Rembrandt’s work stood out because he considered every one of his pieces new and dynamic.

“The light that plays over this laced collar, that is an event in Rembrandt’s art,” Dickey said. “[For] most professional portraitists, that would be a stock formula. Plug in the collar, plug in the hat, then get the

guy to come sit for his face. Rembrandt treats every new painting as an event, and that’s one of the things that makes him special.”

Art history junior Nick Purgett asked Dickey whether Rembrandt’s change in signatures may have also contributed to his unique style.

“In the 1630s, Rembrandt is also messing around a lot with his signature,” Purgett said. “You were just talking about the uniqueness of him. Did he settle on something that was unique and distinguishing?”

In response, Dickey said Rembrandt took on an unconventional signature as another conscious attempt to distinguish himself.

“When he’s living in Leiden, he signs with his initials, RHL, Rembrandt Harmenszoon from Leiden,” Dickey said. “1633, all of a sudden he changes it to Rembrandt. Most Dutch artists sign

with their last name. This is another little clue that he is setting himself above the run-of-the-mill person.”

Jeffrey Smith, Kay Fortson Chair in European Art, said Rembrandt is able to connect human nature to each of his pieces.

“I think one of the things that really appeals to audiences nowadays, and to students in some of my classes, [is that] Rembrandt has a very human touch,” Smith said. “He will find the human element, whether it’s someone’s fear, or human emotional side of things.”

Dickey said Rembrandt’s success is a worthwhile lesson to students preparing to join the workforce.

“A lot of artists were successful not because they were the best, but because they were the best connected,” Dickey said. “When you guys are out in the business world, you are going to find out that that’s still the case.”

## CALLISTO

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system created by Symplicity, is currently employed by the University’s Title IX office as an online tool to report sexual assault. Callisto and Advocate operate on two sides of the same coin, the former focusing on student-based needs and the latter guiding University officials through the reporting process.

“Advocate is a best-in-class case management system that was purposed, built and designed for student conduct administrators to handle an array of issues on campus,” Golden said, noting that sexual assault is one of many incidents that can be reported to University officials using Advocate.

Schwedt said a key difference between each program is the audience it aims to service, with Advocate being heavily administrative while Callisto

seeks to orient itself more specifically to students.

“Systems like Advocate ... are really beneficial on the administrative end,” Schwedt said. “They have an outward-facing form that allows anyone to submit an incident. That form is really the only student-facing component of the system.”

Suspect matching is a second Callisto feature that differs from Advocate, which Golden said is currently not something Symplicity would seek to change. Matching would allow for survivors to input information about their attacker in the report, which would subsequently link up to similar information about that same suspect provided by other victims’ reports. Callisto uses University email addresses or Facebook profile URLs to match corroborating suspects.

Representatives from both companies agree that

Callisto and Advocate are not mutually exclusive and instead form different pieces of one larger puzzle. Schwedt said the programs are not comparable, since they both cater to different aspects of the reporting process, something Golden views as a valuable tool in furthering survivor advocacy and case worker efficiency.

Title IX coordinator Latoya Smith hopes that through the process of considering Callisto’s software, the University will seek an integrated approach that would allow victims to benefit from both softwares.

“If we’re moving in the direction of Callisto, great; but if not, how can we incorporate the elements of Callisto that really resonate for individuals and incorporate them here at our institution?” Smith said. “I think that’s definitely something we’re still exploring.”

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introducing new clinics.

Shryock said some students’ biggest challenge is the mentality that there are no more options for them to be active, but she said she hopes events such as adapted sports night will continue to attract students.

“[Tonight] is a way to showcase people who have already found their opportunities as well as introduce new people who may not be aware of how people with disabilities can get involved,” Shryock said.

The Austin Blackhawks,

a visually impaired baseball team based in Austin, tabled at the event to recruit UT students for its nine-time world championship team.

“I’d like to say that we have some of the most athletic and talented players out there,” head coach Jonathon Fleming said. “In some cases we may not be the most talented, but we work great as a team.”

Fleming said one of the club’s biggest goals is to get visually impaired students and adults outside and involved in exercising, as one of the biggest health problems faced after becoming blind is the sedentary lifestyle that can follow.

Zoe Colaluca, a communication sciences and disorders junior, said growing up in a wheelchair, she wasn’t exposed to sports in the same way as some of her peers, which affected how she viewed her athletic ability.

“[A lack of exposure] has definitely contributed to me feeling like I don’t want to go out and look for sports,” Colaluca said.

Throughout the night, Colaluca said she tried out wheelchair racing and visually impaired basketball. Colaluca said she also became interested in wheelchair racing and is now looking to get involved.



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COLUMN

# Painkillers require responsible prescription

By **Cuillin Chastain-Howley**  
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Drug abuse has always been a problem in American society, but the drug issues that we are currently dealing with have come from a place of authority. The opiate crisis that has taken hold in New England and is spreading to other locales can be traced back to the drugs prescribed by doctors. It's even affecting our own community, as a recent Texan investigation on prescription drug abuse showed.

The recent prescription drug epidemic started with the release of OxyContin by Purdue Pharma in 1996. Opiates, which were previously only used for patients in extreme pain, were recast as a harmless, catch-all drug to treat all sorts of pain. Purdue stated that the risk of addiction was under 1 percent, citing a study that examined the use of opioids on burn victims but did not take into account the effect of daily use with chronic pain patients. Other studies have put the rate of addiction for this use as 10–20 percent. This extreme mischaracterization caused OxyContin to be treated with less seriousness than it deserved and catalyzed our current public health crisis.

There has been a movement in this country

to combat drug dependency, but these efforts completely overlook a major contributor to addiction — the very liberal rates at which doctors are willing to prescribe these dangerous drugs. Although there is a heavy stigma attached to OxyContin right now, another addictive opiate, hydrocodone, has taken its place among the most prescribed drugs in America, with 97 million prescriptions in 2015.

While certain drugs may fall out of favor, this doesn't serve to solve the overarching problem of doctors over-prescribing these incredibly addictive drugs. This recklessness is made even more dangerous by the way society puts doctors on a pedestal. Since doctors are held in such high esteem, it's likely that people will accept any prescriptions given to them — no questions asked. If patients don't take these drugs seriously, addiction can and will sneak up on them.

This problem extends beyond personal addiction when doctors give prescriptions to patients that don't need them. Unsurprisingly, many of them will go on to resell their drugs. If I was inclined to sell drugs, I could have made a nice profit off of the ultimately unnecessary hydrocodone prescription that I received following my wisdom tooth surgery. This is more than just hypothetical, as



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the recent Texan investigation into drug use on West Campus showed. The ease of getting a hydrocodone prescription saturates the illegal resale market, making responsible prescription incredibly important.

Going forward, it's very important that the public approach the prescriptions given to them with more skepticism. For a start, alternative treatments, such as acetaminophen

and medical marijuana, should always be considered when appropriate. But regardless, until a safe, universally accepted pain remedy is decided on, the public should show more caution when taking prescription painkillers than so many of their doctors do when prescribing them.

*Chastain-Howley is a rhetoric and writing junior from Dallas.*

COLUMN

# Trump's paranoia jeopardizes democratic process

By **Sam Groves**  
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During last week's presidential debate, Donald Trump made headlines by suggesting that, rather than pledging to accept the results of the election, he would prefer to "keep you in suspense" — because apparently, suspense is what this horror-thriller of a presidential campaign has been missing. As the faintest hope of victory in November slips through Trump's stubby fingers, his apocryphal cries of a rigged election are reaching a fever pitch.

Trump's brand of "rigged" rhetoric is not unique to his campaign. Infused in the spirit of populism that has fueled this election is the idea that those who wield economic or political power, the so-called experts, are ill-merited frauds who have conspired to retain their power at the expense of the common man. More often than not, the truth is less nefarious — and frankly, less exciting.

But scattered around the world and throughout history are cases of real systemic bias and failure. To distinguish between those real cases and Trump's "boy-who-cried-wolf" situation, we need independent institutions with broad trust across political divisions — and it is these institutions that Trump's rhetoric undermines.

The most obvious examples of these cases come from authoritarian regimes such as those in Russia and Iran. But some are closer to home than you'd think. In the United States, we have widespread gerrymandering, which helps ensure that despite an abysmal approval rating, at least 90 percent of Congress is re-elected almost every year.

Another example of systemic failure comes from the 2000 presidential contest between George W. Bush and Al Gore, which Trump surrogates have cited as an example of a time when Democrats refused to accept the results of an election. But in that case, the vote was extremely close, and Gore actually conceded to Bush before news organizations began rescinding their

calls of Florida for Bush, casting the results of the election back into doubt. Gore recognized that it was not the place of the candidate to challenge the initial results of the election, but after independent observers confirmed that the outcome was ambiguous, he withdrew his concession, and the recount began.

The role news organizations played in 2000 can be instructive here. With respect to the possibility of a rigged election, there are two claims that Trump is making. The first is that the media is tipping the scales toward Clinton by painting him in a negative light and "making up phony polls" while the second is that there is "large scale voter fraud" taking place to rig the actual election system. Both claims are outrageous, but the first claim is more dangerous.

Sometimes, there are irregularities in our elections. There's no particular reason to expect them this year, but it's true that the system doesn't always work — it didn't in 2000. But luckily, it doesn't have to. Our election system isn't built on universal and unwavering trust that it always

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[Our election system is] built on trust in a handful of independent observers and authorities who keep an eye on the system — verifying that it works, letting us know if it doesn't and investigating irregularities.

works. It's built on trust in a handful of independent observers and authorities who keep an eye on the system — verifying that it works, letting us know if it doesn't and investigating irregularities.

In our society, that role is largely filled by a free press. The free press is what allows us to distinguish between real rigging and the paranoia of Trump's wounded ego. So when Trump excoriates the media for reporting facts, he does severe damage to the democratic process.

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POINT

# Write-in votes encourage greater voter participation

By **Audrey Larcher**  
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Behind a vote cast for a third-party candidate, write-in votes are regarded as one of the most divisive ballot options. Many critics claim that it never really achieves anything and distracts from real political issues. However, to promote a healthy democracy and encourage higher voter turnout, write-ins should be normalized.

Voters aren't happy with their options, and this disillusion is reflected in their interest in the election, which is down 15 percent from 2008 among those registered. This decline means poor representation and further stratification in our country's democracy, and combating it should be our top priority. Desigmatizing the option of write-in voting will likely attract those who otherwise feel that their views are not valued. Write-ins have the potential to make voters feel as if their opinions and voice matter and likely help with involving more citizens in democracy.

The perception of write-in votes as nothing more than a protest vote is unfounded. Democracy is supposed to facilitate the views of all people, and a disagreement of mainstream platforms is nothing more than a genuine preference. The right to write-in exemplifies the tenet of the people's will in our nation's political process. In fact, of the 13 registered write-in candidates in Texas, most are running as independents on platforms of compromise between the parties, not on pipe dreams of utopian change. Some voters just align more with the specific views of these candidates, especially with such an unusual, off-the-wall Republican nominee.

Many argue that write-in ballots only fractionalize government. To a degree, this claim

is true — writing in candidates certainly does detract from Republican and Democratic votes. However, the two-party system is not indicative of a healthy democracy. The two-party system sports its own merits of efficiency, but also makes the often radical agenda that ignites change more difficult. While write-ins may detract from a majority of either party, maybe that isn't such a bad option for diversifying American political discourse.

Ultimately, the benefit of promoting write-in voting reaffirms our nation's democratic process. If we are serious about increasing participation in civic life, we won't characterize write-in ballots as a waste or a stubborn protest, but a voicing of valid opinions. If people are going to disapprove of their presidential candidates, I would rather have them do so at the polls than from behind the computer screen.

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COUNTERPOINT

# Write-in votes prove fruitless, unproductive form of protest

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This election cycle is far from perfect, but voting for a write-in candidate won't solve anything. Suck it up, pick a real candidate and go vote.

First, Texas has strict laws regarding write-in candidates at all levels. Bernie Sanders and Ted Cruz are not legal write-in candidates in Texas. A vote for either is considered an "abstain" vote and is not recorded by officials nor included in the final vote count. Additionally, Texas election laws have strict regulations for write-in votes to be valid. Write-in candidates must declare candidacy and name a running mate, file paperwork and pay the registration fee with the state by Aug. 22 and provide written pledges of support from 38 registered voters. Unsuccessful primary candidates are prohibited from registering

as a write-in candidate in the general election due to "sore loser" laws in Texas.

Many who support write-in candidates argue they are a tool that enables democracy and supports the views of all people through our electoral institutions. Yet voter turnout in Texas remains dismal; in the 2016 Presidential Primary, 92.56 percent and 85.31 percent of eligible Democrats and Republicans, respectively, did not vote. Nationally, 71.5 percent of eligible voters abstained. The problem here isn't a "rigged" system, it's low voter turnout, and casting a desperate, last-ditch protest vote several months after the fact won't solve anything. Many argue for write-ins because they feel forced to choose between two lackluster candidates or feel silenced by the mainstream political process. This is a weak argument, because the candidates were not forced on voters, and writing in a candidate perpetuates the problem of low voter turnout that led us here in the first place.

As dysfunctional as our two-party system is, adding more parties and write-in candidates would make things worse. If there are too many parties, Washington will face the same fate as the GOP after the public opinion was sparsely spread across 16 candidates, allowing a minority figure like Trump to represent the party. Writing in candidates divides the majority party and adds momentum to the rise of third parties. Concentrating public support between two radically different candidates rather than an unlimited number of relatively similar candidates prevents radical candidates from being elected and allows for more moderate candidates.

Do not throw away your vote this fall by writing in another candidate. It is a destructive, lazy and ineffective means of protest that will cause more harm than good.

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CAMPUS

# UT's 'Attack on Comic Con' connects fans of pop culture

By Victor Trevino  
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After browsing online costume shops all night, social work sophomore Kathryn Merchant finally clicks “buy” on a Regina costume from “Once Upon a Time,” hoping it will be recognizable and not received as the “generic bad witch.” Merchant will don her costume for Attack on Comic Con, UT’s take on the recent trend of pop culture conventions, which brings together fans of comics, anime and science fiction for an evening of socialization and impersonation. Campus Events + Entertainment’s Asian American Culture branch will host the event from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 in the SAC ballroom. Some of the available activities are an “Attack on Titan”-themed bean bag toss, Kamehameha contest, celebrity trivia game and the main event: a cosplay contest. While those unfamiliar with comic cons may be overwhelmed by the

amount of people wearing obscure costumes, the conventions are all about meeting people with similar interests and getting to know other fandoms. “The comic cons I’ve been to are full of people just looking to have a great time,” Merchant said. “Everyone is all smiles, and there’s no judging allowed.” Event coordinator Van-Anh Van-Dinh said the space is welcoming to enthusiasts of anything entertainment-related. “We want people who are interested in pop culture to just be themselves,” said Van-Dinh, a business freshman. Cosplaying, which is the practice of dressing up as a fictional character, is an integral part of comic cons. While it can be fun, some students believe cosplaying still carries a social stigma. Accounting sophomore Alton Braxton said a part of the reason he will dress up as Finn from “Star Wars” is because it’s one of the more socially acceptable cos-

**ATTACK ON COMIC CON**  
**Where:** SAC Ballroom  
**When:** 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25  
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tumes to wear when walking across campus. Although no celebrities will make an appearance at Attack on Comic Con, as they do in larger conventions, Braxton said he is more concerned with the social aspect of the event. “Everyone goes to UT, so I’m more excited about getting to know new people than about meeting a game developer,” Braxton said. Van-Dinh said she expects the event to be a success because Austinites flock to pop culture conventions. “This is the first time we put on Attack on Comic Con,” Van-Dinh said. “If it’s a success, we want to make it bigger next year and invite people to form a panel.”



Carlos Garcia | Daily Texan Staff

Event coordinator Van-Anh Van-Dinh organizes Attack on Comic Con. The event brings together fans of comics, anime and science fiction at the SAC Ballroom.

CAMPUS

# Former improv artist serves coffee, comedy in Cappy's Café

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Editor's note:  
In 300 words or fewer, this series spotlights people in our community whose stories typically go untold.

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Switching between the cash register and the espresso machine, Amy McCurdy whips out lattes in the Belo Center for New Media as fast as she can so students aren't late for class. But along with getting their order right, she tries her best to make them laugh. Long before she worked as a barista, McCurdy was an improv comedian. She joined the comedy troupe “Well Hung Jury,” which specializes in improvisation, in high school and performed with them for eight years. “There’s a feeling of unity [within the troupe] right before the show,” McCurdy said. “I love audience suggestions, except ‘proctologist.’ There’s always some jackass.” After high school, she followed the rest of the troupe to study theater at UT. In 2000, the troupe met Shawn Hill, who planned to build an improv comedy theatre downtown called the Hideout. In exchange for helping construct the building, McCurdy and her troupe got to perform inside for free. But McCurdy didn’t just perform — she also worked behind the bar making coffee part-time. Leaving Austin behind after graduation, McCurdy



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UT alumna Amy McCurdy works at Cappy's Café in the Belo Center for New Media. Before becoming a barista, she performed with a comedy troupe.

moved to South Dakota, working at a Subway at Mount Rushmore and caring for her mom before returning to Austin. Two years later, she found herself once again at a coffee shop: Cappy's Café, located on the first floor of the BMC. As an alumna, she was thrilled to be back on campus. “I love this building, and there’s so many jokes to be made about movies and

radio here,” McCurdy said. Even though she misses improv, she knows she’ll return to it someday. For now, she enjoys making coffee for students and faculty every morning. “You meet people. You may not know their name, but you know their face, and you know their drink,” McCurdy said. “I love that — just doing that little extra something that makes people smile.”

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FOOTBALL

Texas unable to capitalize on turnovers

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Through the season's first four weeks, the central criticism of the Longhorn defense stemmed from its inability to force turnovers. Texas failed to take the ball from opposing offenses, allowing them to march down the field with minimal threat of a take-away. The Longhorns stole the ball away just one time en route to a 2-2 start, putting excess pressure on its offense. "We have to be focused on making plays," head coach Charlie Strong said following Texas' loss to Oklahoma State three weeks ago. "We've got to come up with turnovers and give our offense a chance."

The Longhorns heeded Strong's words since they left Stillwater, Oklahoma. Texas has forced eight combined turnovers over the past three weeks, vaulting its defense from second to last in the nation up toward the middle of the pack.

But as usual for Texas since Strong arrived on campus, once one problem subsided for the Longhorns, another quickly arose. Texas has failed to benefit from its turnover production over the past three contests, ceding opportunities to put points on the board.

Texas' battle with Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl provided a prime example of the Longhorns' inability to capitalize after stripping the football or forcing an interception.



Karen Pinilla | Daily Texan Staff

Texas senior offensive lineman Kent Perkins blocks in a game against USC. The Longhorn offense is focused on capitlizing on more opportunities when they take on Baylor this weekend.

Texas scored just three points off of four Sooner turnovers, placing much of the burden on its defense. On one drive in the third quarter, freshman quarterback Shane Buechele tossed an interception just two plays after the Longhorns recovered a fumble at the Sooner 23-yard line, killing all momentum on Texas' sideline.

"It's real frustrating, [because] we had a chance to win these games, but we didn't capitalize," senior offensive lineman Kent Perkins said. "It sucks, honestly, but all we can do is look

forward to next week. We need to control the things we can control, and we're going to improve."

That same frustration followed Texas to Manhattan, Kansas, on Saturday. The Longhorns harassed Wildcat quarterback Jesse Ertz into one fumble and an interception and picked up the ball again after forcing a fumble from running back Charles Jones near the goal line.

But once again, Texas failed to convert its opportunities. The Longhorns turned the ball over on downs twice after taking

the ball and missed a field goal following their third forced turnover, all but sealing the loss.

"It just comes down to execution," Buechele said. "Whenever the defense gives us the ball, we have to go out and run our offense and run with tempo. We have to go and find a way to score."

Texas' upcoming matchup with No. 6 Baylor presents a challenge far different than any other opponent the Longhorn defense has battled this year. Against Kansas State, every possession was

paramount. The Wildcats brought the game to a halt, bleeding the clock on every drive. Points were at a premium in the Little Apple, and every missed opportunity was critical.

The Bears will bring a high-octane attack on Saturday, the antithesis of Kansas State's low-speed machine. The Longhorns will get plenty of possessions to put points the board, but make no mistake. If Texas' offense continues to stall after generating turnovers, it will be a long day against the nation's No. 4 offense.

FOOTBALL



Emmanuel Briseno | Daily Texan Staff

Charlie Strong is running out of time to prove himself as the Longhorn's head coach. Strong still believes this year's squad can be the best during his tenure at Texas.

Baylor, Texas now on opposite sides of conference spectrum

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Charlie Strong is seven games into his third season as the Longhorns' head coach. Just as in his first two campaigns, his team holds a 3-4 record. With his tenure at Texas growing more uncertain week by week, Strong addressed the media Monday morning ahead of a tough matchup with No. 8 Baylor on Saturday.

Here are two main takeaways from Strong and his players.

**Running out of excuses**

Throughout Strong's time in Austin, he's preached that his team has been "very close" to putting it all together and winning games on a consistent basis. But after two straight losing seasons and a combined 14-18 record in his Texas career, even Strong admitted the Longhorns might have been further from success than he thought all along.

"You want better progress than what we're seeing," Strong said. "You look

at some of those games, and we always come back to it where we're 'so close.' I say that to the team, I told them, '[We've] kind of just worn that cliché out.'"

Still, Strong said his team has five games left this season and still has an opportunity to be the best team he's coached at Texas by the end of the season. Turning it around starts with a strong showing against a top-10 team Saturday.

**Baylor surpassing Texas**

Seven years ago, Baylor finished the 2009 season with a 4-8 record. The Bears hadn't won five games in one season since 2005, when they went 5-6.

Texas paid a visit to the BCS National Championship Game in both of those seasons. But the two programs have taken opposite turns since then. Baylor had at least 10 wins in each of the last three seasons; Texas hasn't reached that total since 2009, when it went 13-1.

"They've done a really good job of just recruiting,"

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They’ve done a really good job of just recruiting.”  
—Charlie Strong, football head coach

Strong said. "The thing they've done, and you look at their system, and they may have been one of the first in the [Big 12] to start spreading people out and getting the ball in the athletes' hands."

The Texas players, however, still believe they are the team to beat in the growing Texas-Baylor rivalry. Senior wide receiver Jacorey Warrick was asked if he views Baylor as a more successful program than Texas. His answer was simple.

"No," Warrick said. "They've had a lot of recent success, but ... just as far as us trying to catch up to them? No, I don't. We go into the game still thinking that we're going to dominate. Even this week."

BIG 12 NOTEBOOK

Sooners victorious in shootout over Raiders

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**Sparks fly in Lubbock**

The record books were rewritten Saturday night in Lubbock.

In a 66-59 Oklahoma victory over Texas Tech, the two teams combined for an NCAA record 1,708 yards.

Junior Red Raider quarterback Patrick Mahomes tied another NCAA record with 734 passing yards and set the national mark with 819 total yards of offense.

Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield also set a school mark with seven passing touchdowns. The redshirt junior led touchdown drives on all but one of the Sooners' second-half possessions.

"I told some of the guys at halftime, 'If you're scared and you don't want to score every drive, then stay in here,'" Mayfield said.

**Mountaineer defense shows up to win**

The West Virginia defense smothered TCU on Saturday, limiting the Horned Frogs to their lowest scoring output of the season.

West Virginia forced three turnovers and limited TCU to only 300 yards of total offense. The Mountaineers also held TCU junior quarterback Kenny Hill to only 148 yards

passing — by far his lowest output of the season.

West Virginia senior cornerback Rasul Douglas said this was payback for TCU's 40-10 victory over the Mountaineers last year.

"We owed them," Douglas said. "No disrespect to them, but we owed them as a team."

**Kansas fails to overcome turnovers**

Kansas showed signs of competitiveness in a 44-20 loss to Oklahoma State. The Jayhawks nearly matched the Cowboys in total yards, 482-454, and kept junior quarterback Mason Rudolph largely in check.

Kansas sacked Rudolph five times in the game and limited him to only 220 passing yards.

Senior Jayhawks running back Ke'aun Kinner ran for his best performance of the season, gashing the Cowboys for 145 yards on only 14 attempts.

Despite the promising effort, Kansas failed to overcome a mistake-filled third quarter. The Jayhawks only trailed by four points at halftime, but three turnovers in the period led to a 14-point deficit going into the fourth.

Kansas remains winless in the Big 12 for the second-straight year.



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff


Oklahoma junior quarterback Baker Mayfield set a school record for touchdown passes against Texas Tech, tossing seven.

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The Florida Marlins defeat the New York Yankees in six games to claim their second World Series title.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

**Questions revolve around Spurs, Warriors heading into NBA opening night**

The San Antonio Spurs storm into the Bay Area on Oct. 25 to play the Golden State Warriors on the opening night of the 2016-2017 NBA regular season.

The matchup features the top two teams in the Western Conference last season. The uncertain future of a former Longhorn great only adds to the game's compelling storylines.

LaMarcus Aldridge (2004-2006) of the Spurs made headlines last week after ESPN's Jackie MacMullan, appearing on CSNNE.com's Early Edition, reported that San Antonio is exploring options to move on from the big man.

"Sources were telling me the other day that LaMarcus Aldridge may not even finish the year with the Spurs," MacMullan said. "That experiment hasn't quite worked out the way they hoped."

Aldridge, however, is adamant that he is content with his role on the Spurs and went on to rebuff the report.

"I'm winning," Aldridge said. "Of course I'm happy. That's why I don't buy into the rumors. I feel like I do my job here and I feel like I've done everything that they've asked. That's why I haven't bought into the rumors."

With star forward Pau Gasol joining the squad via free agency, the Spurs look to have one of the most formidable frontcourts in the league. Gasol, Aldridge and All-Star forward Kawhi Leonard have combined for 12 All-Star appearances.

The matchup also marks the debut for Golden State forward and former Longhorn Kevin Durant (2007), who made headlines this offseason for leaving the Oklahoma City Thunder to join a record 73-win team.

It didn't come without costs for the Warriors, though. The team had to move on from six former players, two of whom were starters, to secure the cap space necessary to sign Durant to a max contract. All six players were part of the 2015 championship team.

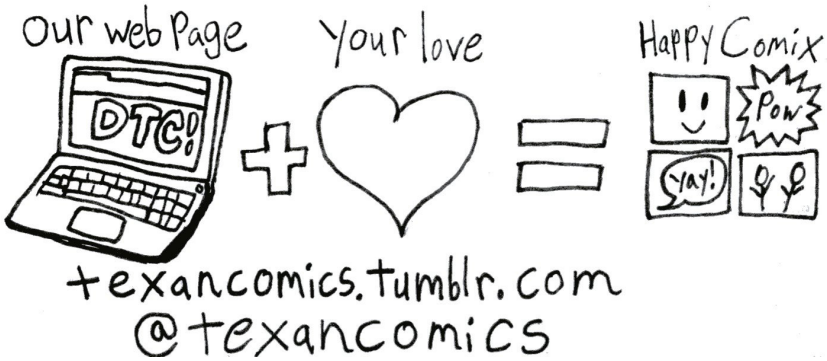
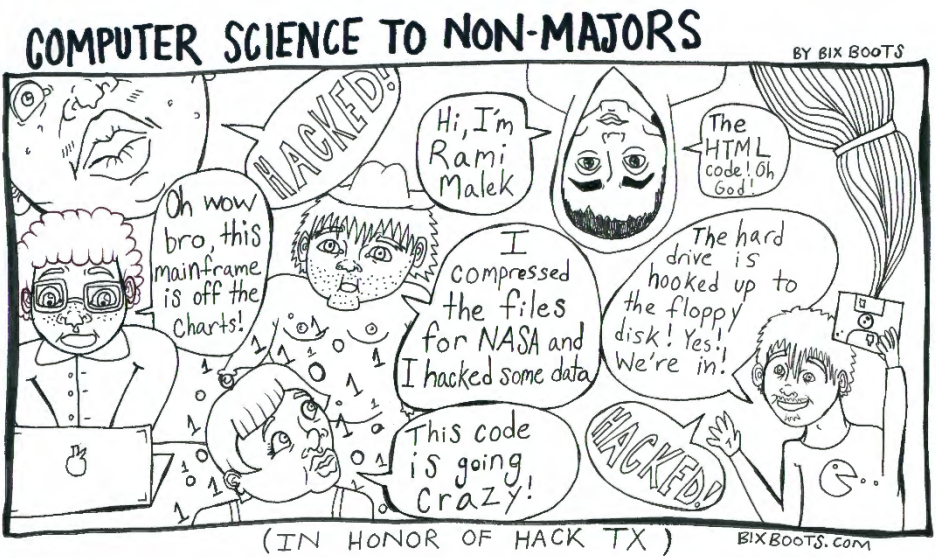
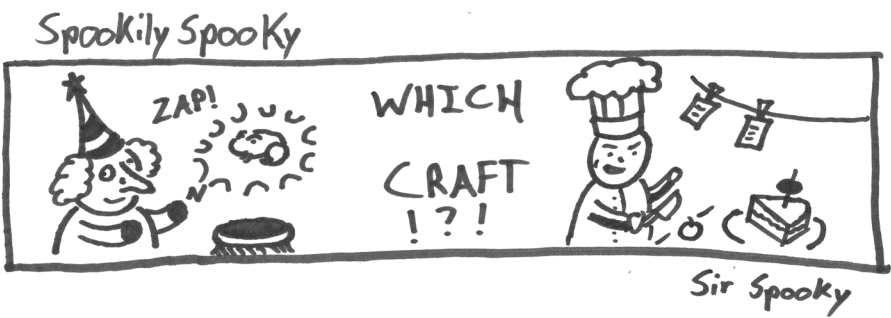
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—Drew King



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The New York Times

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ACROSS

1 Apostles

5 Ending with neo- or proto-

10 Pushing conventional limits

14 Blade in the pen

15 Strip of fabric used for trimming

16 Low ground, poetically

17 Rock's \_\_\_ Inch Nails

18 Habitual customer's order, with "the"

19 Clothes presser

20 Layers of sherry-soaked torte, homemade custard and fruit served chilled in a giant stem glass

23 Dreadlocked ones, informally

24 Comical "Dame"

25 "Kilroy \_\_\_ here"

28 Give off, as vibes

30 Summary

32 \_\_\_-December romance

35 Ice cream and sponge topped with meringue and placed in a very hot oven for a few minutes

38 Oodles

40 Singer with the site imaginepeace.com

41 Boxer Max

42 Steamed-for-hours, aged-for-months concoction of treacle, brandy, fruit and spices, set afire and served at Christmas

47 Fabric purchase: Abbr.

48 Teacher's plan

49 Uncles, in Acapulco

51 \_\_\_ contact

52 Units of resistance

55 Ham-handed

59 What a chef might call each dessert featured in this puzzle, literally or figuratively

62 Command-Z command

64 Actress Watts

65 Kardashian matriarch

66 Fool

67 Latches (onto)

68 Land of Blarney

69 Ones who are spitsville

70 Launder of cosmetics

71 "Phooey!"

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2 Set traditionally handed down to an eldest daughter

3 Tiny bell sounds

4 Willowy

5 German kingdom of old

6 Growing luxuriantly

7 Severe and short, as an illness

8 Glass fragment

9 Gates of philanthropy

10 Voldemort-like

11 "Hesitating to mention it, but ..."

12 Mop & \_\_\_

13 Itch

21 da-DAH

22 Pass's opposite

PUZZLE BY TRACY BENNETT

26 \_\_\_ and answered" (courtroom objection)

37 "I dare you!"

39 Designs with a symbol: Abbr.

43 Lowdown, in slang

44 Drive mad

45 Salade \_\_\_

46 Club game with a palindromic name

50 Lollipop

53 "Square" things, ideally

54 "Git!"

56 "West Side Story" seamstress

57 Mini, e.g.

58 Positive R.S.V.P.s

60 Error report?

61 J.Lo's daughter with a palindromic name

62 Manipulate

63 Kill, as an idea

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# Littlefield descendant shares history of house

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Beneath old paintings by Alice Littlefield, staircases carved with the family's initials and old-fashioned olive green furniture lies the story of the mysterious Littlefield House.

The Victorian red mansion on Whitis Avenue was constructed 123 years ago, when George Littlefield, a civil war veteran and cattleman, had the home built for the next generation of Littlefields. George's great-grandnephew, David Gracy, an information professor emeritus, now serves as the family historian, authoring an upcoming biography of his great-granduncle that he hopes to release for the centennial of George's death.

As the oldest building on campus, the Littlefield House currently hosts University events, but for the century prior, the building collected history on the street corner, serving as the home for multiple generations of Littlefields.

George Littlefield was born in Mississippi in 1842 and moved to Austin in 1883, where he established the American National Bank on Sixth Street and Congress Avenue.

"In one letter he wrote home from the Civil War, he said he would like to have a ranch in the Austin neighborhood," Gracy said. "He decided Austin was the best place because it was the center of political life here in Texas. There was a good community of cattlemen, and it was closer to his family."

George and his wife, Alice, had the Littlefield House built for \$50,000 in 1893 with the hopes that their



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David Gracy, George Littlefield's great-grandnephew, retells the history of the Littlefield House while disproving negative rumors embedded in this historic building's past.

nieces and nephews would eventually attend the neighboring University. They would remain there for the rest of their lives.

In the early 1900s, the building housed about 30 of Littlefield's nieces and nephews while they attended UT. Gracy said Littlefield was the patriarch of the family and considered it his responsibility to provide an education for his family's descendants.

Meanwhile, Littlefield became involved with UT as a donor and served as a

regent from 1911 to 1920. His financial contributions began in December 1897 when he opened the home's doors to University staff and donors for a fundraising meeting. Afterward, he invited some of the attendees to a "bump" in the dining room.

"According to a report from a student, [they went] into the dining room, [which] was stocked with eggnog and all kinds of Christmas goodies and crystal bowls and dishes," Gracy said.

UT took ownership of the house after George and Alice passed away in 1935. According to local historian Jim Nicari, the structure has served various odd purposes since.

"It was used shortly as a sorority house [and] as music practice rooms," Nicari said. "The most bizarre thing it was used for was during World War II — the Naval ROTC building. There were two anti-aircraft guns on the front lawn. In the attic there was a firing range, and if you

go up there you can see the bullet holes from the targets they had."

Many rumors and legends surrounding the home have piled up over the last century such as the legend that Littlefield locked his wife in the attic to protect her from the Yankees, something Gracy said is absolutely false.

"There is no basis for that and it trashes the character of those people, not to mention that they did so much for the University," Gracy said.

Gracy said he wants his ancestors' house to be remembered for what it was and for not the untrue stories that surround it. He hopes the verse inscribed on the UT Tower will come true and the truth shall set the house free of its legends.

"I think [the legend exists] because [it's] the only house on campus, and it is the oldest," Nicari said. "Campus myths are contagious and prolific on any campus."

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Editor's note: Tat-Tuesday is a weekly series that features students around campus and their tattoos. Check out more pictures and stories online.

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Chris Skoog, an arts and entertainment technology junior, fosters an undying love for all things related to music. He started off playing

the drums for a jazz band, but later discovered his real passion is for piano.

"Any song that you hear, you can play on a piano," Skoog said. "It's so versatile. I write my own songs on piano. Everything music is

important to me."

Skoog's tattoo isn't quite finished yet, but he is considering leaving it as is.

"This is going to be a page of music," Skoog said. "I might just leave it blank and fill it in every day with a Sharpie."



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Chris Skoog has a tattoo of a blank music sheet to symbolize his love and passion for music. Skoog plans on leaving his tattoo unfinished and filling it in every day with different music.



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